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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Despite living in the Bay Area, where one would assume the level of technology use would lead to a vast array of ISP options, that is not the reality I've experienced. I can choose AT&T DSL at ridiculous cost for remarkably slow speeds, Comcast cable for better speeds at teaser rates that go sky high in a year, or I can do what I've done and choose one of a tiny handful of local ISP options that are struggling to compete against their giant corporate rivals.

I just want reasonably speedy internet, at reasonably affordable prices, without having to agree to extended service contracts or being constantly sold on adding TV packages I don't need. Fiber would be fantastic, and is even available within blocks of my home, but no providers seem inclined to provide service I can access.

Competition is what's needed to actually give consumers the power to vote with their wallets and allow the best services to win new users and grow. Stifling competition just allows the current winners to further entrench their positions of power and keep their smaller competitors at a disadvantage.

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